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REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-25 are pending in the application.
Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-18 and 20-24 were rejected.
Claims 1, 13 and 21 are amended.
Claims 8-9, 18-19 and 24-25 are cancelled.

Claim Rejections and Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-18 and 20-24 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over various prior art references. The Office Action also states that Claims 9, 19 and 25 include allowable subject matter. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants have amended the claims in order to place the entire application in condition for allowance. More specifically, applicants have amended Claims 1, 13 and 21 to include the subject matter of Claims 9, 19, and 25, respectively, which was indicated to be allowable. Also included in the amended claims is the subject matter of any intervening claims relating to the indicated allowable subject matter.

Based on the amendments to the claims and the remarks made herein, applicants submit that the claims as contained in the application are believed to be allowable.

Summary

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims are now in condition for allowance and reconsideration is requested. If the Examiner believes that prosecution would be expedited by direct discussion, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

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If any additional fees are due with respect to this amendment, please
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